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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The present Preliminary Amendment is filed along with the U.S. national phase application for International Application No. PCT/GB00/03543. Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 16 without prejudice, add new claims 22-24, and amend claims 1-15 and 17-21 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of removing a part of a transgene after its integration into a genome comprising flanking said part of the transgene on each side thereof with an attachment P region (attP) of bacteriophage λ , wherein the attP region comprises a nucleic acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 or a fragment thereof which maintains the same function, or nucleic acids which hybridise under stringent conditions to the DNA of SEQ ID NO:1 and function as an attP region, or nucleic acids which differ from the DNA of SEQ ID NO:1 due to the degeneracy of the genetic code and